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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A LETTER FROM EDWARD BROWDER OF E. BROWDER AND ASSOCIATES, ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, ALVA OREGON NO. 51-A, MEXICO D.F., TO HENRY R. DUKE OFFERING TIME LIFE INC. FULL COVERAGE FOR FORTHCOMING COSTA RICAN REVOLUTION AND PROPOSING SEND A C-47 AIRCRAFT TO DALLAS, TEXAS, TO PICK UP LUKE REPRESENTATIVES AND FLY THEM TO REBEL BASE IN COSTA RICA.

MY DEAR MR. LUCE,

FROM THE ATTACHED PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF A RECENT ARTICLE IN VISION
MAGAZINE YOU CAN GET SOME IDEA OF MY PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE CURRENT
CENTRAL AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE.

SINCE MY CLIENTS HAVE CHOSEN ME TO BE PRODUCER-DIRECTOR AND PROPERTY MAN OF THIS GILBERT & SULLIVANISM MOVEMENT, I AM IN A POSITION TO OFFER YOU EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO FULL COVERAGE IN A JOINT TIME-LINE VENTURE.

I CAN SEND A C-47 TO DALLAS, TEXAS TO PICK UP NO MORE THAN TWO OF YOUR
REPRESENTATIVES, FLY THEM TO THE RUREL BASE IN COSTA RICA, GIVE THEM
EVERY FACILITY TO GATHER BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON THE EVENTS AND PERSONS
INVOLVED, INCLUDING A TRIP TO ONE OR MORE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

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BROWNSBURG

ARE WITHDRAWING MATERIALS. THIS BUILD UP AND FINAL PREPARATIONS WILL TAKE ANOTHER 3 TO 5 WEEKS, DURING WHICH YOUR MEN WILL BE FREE TO ACCOMPANY ME AND OTHERS INVOLVED, AND UPON COMMENCEMENT OF THE INVASION, THEY WILL BE PROVIDED LAND AND AIR TRANSPORT PLUS A DAILY FLIGHT TO NEAREST AIRMAIL PICKUP POINT FOR THEIR MATERIAL, AND IF NEED BE, A HALF-HOUR DAILY WILL BE GIVEN THEM TO UTILIZE A RADIO TELETYPE CIRCUIT IN CONNECTION WITH ~~TROPICAL~~ RADIO. THE ACTUAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT WILL LAST A MINIMUM OF 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO SERIOUS ATTEMPTS WITH BOMBER AND FIGHTER PLANES TO TAKE SAN JOSE. DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD CONCLUDING WITH THE FALL OF FIGUERAS AND THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW JUNTA, YOUR MEN WILL BE MY GUESTS AND THEIR BED, BOARD, TRANSPORT AND OTHER NECESSITIES WILL BE PROVIDED. MY ONLY REQUESTS, IN ADDITION TO A MONETARY INTEREST, IS THAT YOU AGREE TO ~~MICHAEL~~ FROM PUBLICATION ALL MATERIAL UNTIL THE MOVEMENT IS ACTUALLY UNDER WAY, THAT YOU ALSO AGREE TO WITHHOLD YOUR SOURCE (E.I. THIS ARRANGEMENT) PARTICULARLY FROM US DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS THEY THINK I AM SOMEBAT OF A PROBLEM BOY ANYWAY. ALSO, NEITHER MYSELF OR MY CLIENTS CAN

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ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELL BEING OF YOUR MEN, ALTHOUGH ALL NORMAL PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN TO INSURE THEIR BEING RETURNED IN ORIGINAL CONDITION.

IF THIS INTERESTS YOU, I WILL APPRECIATE A CABLE STATING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU ARE PREPARED TO PAY FOR EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE AS OUTLINED HEREIN, AND IF THE AMOUNT IS SATISFACTORY I WILL CABLE A REPLY, AND ANTICIPATE A CASHIER'S CHECK OR BANK DRAFT FOR ONE HALF THE AMOUNT BY RETURN AIRMAIL, THE BALANCE TO BE PAID UPON CONCLUSION OF THE MOVEMENT.

UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR CHECK, I WILL DESPATCH A PLANE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FOR YOUR REPRESENTATIVES. THEY CAN CHECK IN AT WESTERN HILLS HOTEL AS MY GUESTS WHILE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF MY PLANE. THEY SHOULD BRING, IN ADDITION TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT, PERSONAL ITEMS FOR MINIMUM OF 6 WEEKS. I WILL SEE THAT THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH TROPICAL CLOTHING, JUNGLE BOOTS, ETC. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THEY TO REQUEST VISA TO COSTA RICA. THEY WILL DEPART FROM THE USA LEGALLY WITH TOURIST CARDS FOR MEXICO THEIR ENTRY TO AND EXIT FROM COSTA RICA WILL BE HANDLED BY ME PEOPLE WITH NO PROBLEMS FOR ANYONE. THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO DALLAS

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IN ONE OF MY TRANSPORTS UPON CONCLUSION OF THE "PIESTA". THEIR MATERIAL WILL BE FREE FROM CENSORSHIP AND DELAY IN TRANSMISSION AS I AND MY MEN WILL CONTROL ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTS.

I DO NOT WISH TO DISCUSS THIS WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN YOURSELF AND ASSUME YOU WILL RESPECT THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE SITUATION REGARDLESS OF YOUR DECISION.

SHALL I HAVE AN IMMEDIATE REPLY?

SINCERELY,

EDWARD BROWDER

P.S. IF IT IS ALL SAME TO YOU, I WOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE GEORGE GILK ON THIS ASSIGNMENT. NOTHING PERSONAL JUST THAT I HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO OBSERVE HIS WORK AND PERSONALITY AND THINK ANYONE ELSE WOULD FIT IN BETTER OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

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2. MR. LUCE REPLIED TO OFFER WITH A CABLE AS FOLLOWS:
 SORRY CANNOT UNDERTAKE. LEAVING FOR HOME TODAY. IF YOU WISH
 COMMUNICATE FURTHER C.D. JACKSON IS MY NEW YORK OFFICE.
 CONFIDENTIAL INFLUENCE.

3. RECORDS HERE INDICATE THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FEDERAL BUREAU OF
 INVESTIGATION HAVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SUBJECT IN THEIR FILES.

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